

SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting
August 19, 2004

Members present: Mr. Staton, Mr. Martin, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Drew, Senator Fair, Senator Giese, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Marlowe, Representative Neal, Mrs. Spearman for Superintendent Tenenbaum, Representative Walker, Mrs. Williams and Mr. Wilson.

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Mr. Staton welcomed members and guests to the meeting.
- II. **Minutes of the July meeting:** The minutes of the July meeting were approved as distributed.
- III. **Subcommittee Reports**
 - A. Academic Standards and Assessments: Mr. Wilson reported on behalf of the subcommittee. He directed members' attention to a corrected version of the materials (dated August 19). He outlined the expectation to establish values for the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale (ECERS) for inclusion in the primary school ratings. He indicated that the subcommittee agreed to propose only the values for the 2005 report card and to ask that staff to conduct studies on the inclusion of third grade academic performance for students enrolled in the primary schools the prior year. The recommendation was adopted.
 - B. EIA and Improvement Mechanisms: Mr. Daniel reminded members that the EOC, working with the State Department of Education, had adopted recommendations and supported provisos in the General Appropriations Act to permit the use of alternative technical assistance strategies in schools rated unsatisfactory or below average. He introduced Dr. Horne who outlined the progress toward the development of the criteria for the alternative technical assistance. The criteria are to be presented to the EOC for approval at the October 11 meeting. Dr. Horne addressed the EOC and provided information.
 - C. Parent and Community Involvement: Mr. Hall explained the EOC involvement in and support of the Family Friendly Workplace Awards Program. He introduced Susan Lill, Vice President of AERIE engineering who explained her company's efforts. He then introduced Joe Bouknight, Senior Vice President of SCANA, who outlined the company's efforts.

D. Public Awareness: There was no report.

E. Administration: Mr. Staton drew members' attention to the materials in the packet. The members agreed to the proposed meeting schedule; thereby, changing EOC meetings to the second Monday in even-numbered months. Members agreed to the subcommittee assignments.

Members then discussed the objectives for the 2005-2006 year and agreed to delete the item referring to the court decision and substitute actions to update the funding model proposed in December 2003.

IV. Remarks from Key Constituencies

Mrs. Donna Windham reported to the EOC on the continuing success of the High Performance Partnerships. She provided materials detailing the progress made across the funding cycle and indicated that additional funds are in the application stage.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.